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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO  
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Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application dated 09/06/2001, enclosed are the following:

- Part 2 of Formalities Letter or Form PTO-1533  
(Notice to File Missing Parts of Application)
- Declaration and Power of Attorney for the above-identified application which has been executed by the named inventor(s)
- Applicant claims small entity status
- Check in the amount of \$65.00 to cover the declaration surcharge under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16(e)
- English Translation and \$130.00 (37 CFR 1.17(k)) fee for filing late.
- Other: Check in the amount of \$55.00 and Petition for a One Month Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) for Submitting Missing Parts
- Other: Statement of Facts in Support of Filing on Behalf of Nonsigning Inventor.

Any additional fee or credit may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

Respectfully submitted,

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**NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION**

**FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)**

***Filing Date Granted***

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is missing.  
*A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.*
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- **The balance due by applicant is \$ 65.**

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***A copy of this notice MUST be returned with the reply.***

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November 13, 2001



Lynn Godbersen  
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Dear Lynn,

I am following up on our earlier conversation regarding the prosecution of the U.S. Patent Application regarding the cattle marketplace invention. As you know, we have filed a utility application with the United States Patent Office and, as an inventor of the invention, are required to obtain a declaration from you that, among other things, verifies the accuracy of the application and your status as an inventor. To that end, I have enclosed a copy of the completed application for your review and a "Declaration and Power of Attorney for Patent Application" (the "Declaration"). Please review the enclosed application and Declaration and, if the information contained therein is accurate, execute the Declaration as indicated.

Lynn, we would appreciate your signature on the Declaration by 11/16/01. Accordingly, please return this document with your signature in the enclosed FedEx packet. Please contact me if you have any questions or issues.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dave Lind".

Dave Lind  
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